

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as described below.

Amend paragraph beginning on page 8, line 31 as follows:

FIG. 2 depicts a high-level block diagram of an information distribution system 200, e.g., a video-on-demand system or digital cable system, which may incorporate an embodiment of the present invention. The system 200 contains head end equipment (HEE) 202, local neighborhood equipment (LNE) 228, a distribution network 204 (e.g., hybrid fiber-coax network) and subscriber equipment (SE) 206. This form of information distribution system is disclosed in commonly assigned U.S. patent 6,253,375 ~~application serial number 08/984,710 filed December 3, 1997~~. The system is known as DIVA™ provided by DIVA Systems Corporation.

Amend paragraph beginning on page 9, line 20 as follows:

In an interactive information distribution system such as the one described in commonly assigned U.S. patent 6,253,375 ~~application 08/984,710, filed December 3, 1997~~, the program streams are addressed to particular subscriber equipment locations that requested the information through an interactive menu. A related interactive menu structure for requesting video-on-demand is disclosed in commonly assigned U.S. patent 6,208,335 ~~application serial number 08/984,427, filed December 3, 1997~~. Another example of interactive menu for requesting multimedia services is the interactive program guide (IPG) disclosed in commonly assigned U.S. patent application 60/093,891, filed in July 23, 1998.